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4 MEETING TO REQUEST DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

5 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS ON THE BENEFICIARIES OF H.R. 422, FOR

6 THE RELIEF OF CORINA DE CHALUP TURCINOVIC; AND H.R. 396, FOR

7 THE RELIEF OF MARIA CARMEN CASTRO RAMIREZ AND J. REFUGIO

8 CARRENO ROJAS.

9 Thursday, July 23, 2015

10 House of Representatives

11 Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security

12 Committee on the Judiciary

13 Washington, D.C.

14 The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10:05 a.m.,

15 in Room 2141, Rayburn Office Building, Hon. Trey Gowdy

16 [chairman of the subcommittee] presiding.

17 Present: Representatives Gowdy, Smith, King, Labrador,

18 Buck, Lofgren, and Gutierrez.

19 Staff present: George Fishman, Chief Counsel; Andrea

20 Loving, Deputy Chief Counsel; and Graham Owens, Clerk.

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22       Mr. Gowdy. This is a Judiciary Immigration Subcommittee  
23 meeting. We will come to order. The chair is authorized to  
24 declare recesses of the committee at any time.

25       I want to start this morning with the matter of  
26 requesting reports from the Department of Homeland Security  
27 for the potential beneficiaries of two private bills: H.R.  
28 422, for the relief of Corina de Turcinovic, and H.R. 396,  
29 for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio  
30 Carreno Rojas.

31       Under a longstanding agreement between the committee and  
32 the first Immigration and Naturalization Service and now the  
33 Department of Homeland Security, if the subcommittee requests  
34 a report on the beneficiary of a private bill, U.S.  
35 Immigration and Customs Enforcement will stay the removal of  
36 the alien until March of the first year of the next Congress.

37       I will support formally requesting a Department of  
38 Homeland Security report on the beneficiaries of these  
39 private bills. If DHS finds no derogatory information, the  
40 committee can then make the decision to mark up the private  
41 bills and place them on the private House calendar.

42       The committee has approved and the House passed these  
43 private bills in the past, but they did not become law. One

44 of the bills would grant permanent residence to Maria Ramirez  
45 and J. Refugio Rojas, whose U.S. born children suffer from  
46 severe health conditions that could not adequately be treated  
47 in their parents' home country. The second would grant  
48 Corina de Turcinovic permanent residence. She came to the  
49 U.S. to care for her then fiancé and later husband who was  
50 left a quadriplegic after being hit by a drunken driver in  
51 New Jersey.

52 Ms. Lofgren, would you wish to make any comments?

53 Ms. Lofgren. I would just note that you have correctly  
54 stated the matter, and we are of one mind when it comes to  
55 these private bills.

56 Mr. Gowdy. I thank my friend from California. Without  
57 objection, I would ask that any written statements regarding  
58 these private bills be made part of the written record.

59 [The information follows:]

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61       Mr. Gowdy. I now move the subcommittee request of  
62   departmental reports for these private bills pursuant to Rule  
63   5 of our Rules and Procedure for private immigration bills.

64       The question is on the motion.

65       Those in favor, say aye.

66       Those, no.

67       The ayes have it. The motion is agreed to, and the  
68   reports are requested.

69       That would be the end of the private bill hearing.

70       [Whereupon, at 10:07 a.m., the subcommittee was  
71   adjourned.]